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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 129

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FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER

FOLLOWING MSG SENT ACTION ACJSC WASHDC INFO SECDEF, AMEMB PHNOM
PENH FROM CINCPAC REPEAT FOR YOUR ACTION

S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR GENERAL JONES, INFO SECRETARY
SCHLESINGER AND AMBASSADOR DEAN FROM GAYLER

1. (S) CAMBODIA AND EAGLE PULL

NEW MILITARY FACTORS. KC INTEND TO HIT CITY IN 2-3 DAYS AND
HAVE 4000/5000 EXTRA TROOPS AVAILABLE. KC ARTILLERY FIRING
TERRITORY NOW AVAILABLE WITHIN RANGE ENTIRE CITY INCLUDING
AMEMBASSY AND LANDING ZONES, AS WELL AS AIRPORT. MAJOR GROUND
THREATS FROM THREE DIRECTIONS. DC-8 PICKED UP 12.7MM HOLES YESTER-
DAY CONFIRMING THREAT TO AIRCRAFT AIRBORNE AS WELL AS ON FIELD.
FORESEE MILITARY DEFEAT IN VERY NEAR FUTURE.

TWO MAJOR THREATS TO EAGLE PULL ARE INTERDICTION OF AIRPORT AND
OF LANDING ZONE, AND MAJOR DISORDERS IN CAPITAL. A REFUGEE POPULA-
TION IN EXCESS OF ONE MILLION IS COMPLETELY BEYOND CAPABILITY OF
GOVERNMENT CONTROL IF PANIC SETS IN. ANTI-AMERICAN SENTIMENT IS
GROWING. MOB ACTION AGAINST LZ'S OR AIR BASE IS ENTIRELY POSSIBLE.

NOBODY OWNS AN OPERATIONAL CRYSTAL BALL, BUT FOR THESE REASONS
I THINK TIME AVAILABLE FOR A SMOOTH EVACUATION IS EXTREMELY SHORT.
IF WE HANG ON TOO LONG WE WILL HAVE A DIFFICULT AND MESSY OPERATION.

WE MAY EVEN END UP WITH AMERICANS KILLED OR POW. ALMOST CERTAINLY
WE WILL FAIL TO GET OUT MANY OTHERS WE SHOULD RESCUE.

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THEREFORE RECOMMEND EXECUTE EAGLE PULL OPTION I (CIVILIAN AIRLIFT) FIRST AVAILABLE DAYLIGHT. WILL BE READY TO TRANSITION TO OPTION II (MILITARY AIRLIFT) OR III (HELICOPTER) IF REQUIRED.

2. (U) WARM RESPECT.

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